



## HEARING IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Number of Candidates for Position on the Commission Should One Be Created.

## BUSINESS MEN FROM ALL OVER STATE

Attended the Hearing at Hartford Yesterday—Ex-Senator Judson of Stratford Favored the Measure and Thought Its Passage Would Sound the Death Knell of the Connecticut Lobby.

Hartford, Conn., March 23.—The hall of the house was crowded to the doors today by business men from all over the state who are in favor of the passage of a public utilities bill similar to those which are now operating in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

### Would Be Members of Commission.

While the matter has not as yet passed the preliminary stage in the committee, there are already a number of candidates for positions on the commission, should the assembly create such a body. These are said to be a disposition to favor those who comprise the temporary commission, and it is further rumored that O. R. Fyler and other members of the commission which the public utilities commission would supersede are in line for the place.

Others who are prominently mentioned are Judge John Perry of Southport and Albert E. Winchester of South Norwalk. Mr. Winchester was recently one of the special commissioners of the National Civic Federation to investigate the subject of public utilities throughout the whole of Europe, he being a member of the advance committee of three for that purpose.

### Ralph O. Wells First Speaker.

When the hearing was called to order the first speaker was Ralph O. Wells, secretary of the present commission. He spoke strongly in favor of the passage of the measure, and stated that the members of the commission are strongly in favor of it.

He cited the number of commissioners on different subjects who would be legislated out of office, and placed the number at about nine.

### Very Important Matter, Says Ex-Senator Judson.

Former Senator, Stiles Judson, of Stratford, then spoke in favor of the measure. He said that he believed it to be the most important matter which has been before the legislature for many years.

He went at some length into the granting of rights of eminent domain, and showed that there is no uniformity in the charters granted by the legislature in the various towns.

He thought that if the bill would be passed the death knell would be sounded to the lobby of Connecticut. Any legitimate interests ought to be allowed.

### ANTHRACITE MINE WORKERS NOT PREPARED TO STRIKE.

Delegates to Convention Ready to Take Up Agreement Question.

Scranton, Pa., March 23.—With the preliminary work of organizing the tri-city conference of anthracite mine workers out of the way and with the delegates ready to take up the question of a new agreement with their employers, the impression grows among those who are watching the developments in the hard coal fields that the mine workers are not prepared to strike unless something not now on the surface develops. This is the opinion of many of the mine workers who are here from all parts of the anthracite fields.

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### BALKAN SITUATION.

Only a Miracle Can Avert War—Extremely Pessimistic View.

Berlin, March 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Vienna correspondent gives an extremely pessimistic view of the Balkan situation. He states that all the efforts of the powers to mediate have proved fruitless, and that the present situation is a desperate one.

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### MICHIGAN BOY KIDNAPPED.

Toledo Police Searching in That City for Harold Moon.

Toledo, Ohio, March 23.—Toledo police are searching the city for Harold Moon, aged 12 years, who was kidnapped from his home at Elletts, Mich., on February 27, and who with his captor is supposed to be here. A boy answering Harold's description, accompanied by a man, was seen Monday in a gondola on a Michigan Central train bound for Toledo. The citizen has offered a reward of \$1,300 for the boy's safe return. In this case no ransom was demanded, and the kidnappers are unable to find a motive for the abduction.

### Exhibition Tour in Europe of American Light Harness Horses.

New York, March 23.—Announcement was made today by C. K. G. Billings, the well known trotting horse owner, that on April 3 he would ship his entire stable of light harness horses to Europe for a two months' tour of exhibition.

### Engineer and Fireman Instantly Killed.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 23.—Engineer Henry Kabel and Fireman John Galt, of an eastbound Lake Erie freight train, were almost instantly killed this afternoon about five o'clock near Corta. The boiler of the locomotive exploded, Henry Kabel was struck by the boiler, and John Galt was struck by the boiler.

### Valuable Antique Furniture Burned.

Bloomfield, Conn., March 23.—A dwelling house owned by George T. Dunlop of Hartford was destroyed by fire today, the origin of which is not known. In the house was stored a quantity of antique furniture belonging to Martin Tullin, who is at the present time in Oregon. The loss will amount to \$1,500.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Rome, March 23.—Pope Pius today received the cable of the cardinal of Rev. John Farrelly, the new bishop of Cleveland, O.

London, March 23.—Mrs. Waldorf Astor, formerly Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw of Virginia, gave birth to a daughter Monday at Cliveden.

Melbourne, March 23.—The commonwealth government has decided not to order the evacuation of England, preferring to adhere to her settled policy of defending Australia.

Puerto Cortes, March 18.—Via Mobile, Ala., March 23.—No reports of warlike activity anywhere in Honduras have reached here and no confirmation of the reported naval engagements between Nicaragua and Salvador.

Bordeaux, France, March 23.—The Venezuelan consul here was today officially advised by Jose de Jesus Paul, the Venezuelan commissioner to Europe, from Berlin, that ex-President Castro will be arrested if he attempts to leave Venezuela. It is believed here that Castro intends to stop at Trinidad and await developments.

## ROOSEVELT SAILS FOR LAND OF THE WHITE RHINOCEROS.

Thousands on Pier of Hamburg-American Line Wave Farewells.

New York, March 23.—Waving a parting farewell with his black glove hat, his smiling face beaming in the sun, the president of the Hamburg-American line, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, sailed today for his long planned African safari.

He left his native shores amid the cheers of thousands of people who gathered to see him off. The president's salute was received with a cheer of welcome.

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At the Casino hall on Tuesday evening Prof. J. J. Kennedy, the dancing teacher, who was remembered by his Tuesday evening dancing class with a purse of gold as a gift, was presented with a gold watch by the same class.

## Left No Will.

As far as can be learned Henry C. Cottrell did not leave a will and Thomas F. Cottrell, relative, has asked for administration on his estate in the probate court. It had been reported that Mr. Cottrell had provided that his estate should be divided equally between his wife and his children.

## Balloon Landed

On Mountains. General Assembly

OCCUPANTS SUFFERED FROM COLD AND HUNGER.

NARROWING EXPERIENCES

Of Six Men Who Ascented in the

Racing Balloon "America" at Pasadena, Cal., Last Saturday.

Los Angeles, March 23.—After one of the most harrowing experiences in the history of ballooning, Captain A. E. Mueller and five companions who ascended in the racing balloon America, at Pasadena on Saturday, landed in the Sierra Madre mountains Sunday, and arrived on foot at Switzer's Camp, on the slopes of Mount Wilson, across the mountain peaks and ridges, and been scouring the mountains for the aeronauts.

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## Connecticut General Assembly

AGAINST STAMPING CONVICT-MADE GOODS.

SPITTING IN PUBLIC PLACES

Stringent Bill Reported by Committee

on Public Health and Safety—Returns to Tax Commissioner.

Hartford, March 23.—The senate was called to order at 12 o'clock by Lieut. Governor Weeks, Prayer by Chaplain Countryman of the house.

The committee on judiciary reported favorably on the governor's re-nomination of Judges George W. Wheeler, Milton A. Shumway and William S. Clegg for the superior court. On the motion of Senator Searls the rules were suspended, the report of the committee accepted and the votes were taken on each name.

The result of the vote in each case was unanimous, the votes being Judge Wheeler 27 votes, Judge Shumway 29 votes and Judge Clegg 29 votes. The committee on public health and safety reported a bill to stamp out the evil of spitting in public places.

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## Condensed Telegrams

Charles M. Schwab predicted steel prices will go down before they advance.

The Report that Great Britain had offered to Russia a financial and political alliance was denied.

Thomas F. Ryan has practically succeeded in his efforts to rid himself of his enormous corporate burden.

Secretary Meyer created a board to consider matters connected with the reorganization of the navy department.

George S. Terry Took Charge as assistant treasurer of the sub-treasury, and the count of \$254,562,769.75 in the vaults was begun.

It was Reported in Washington that Monsignor Falcone would succeed Monsignor Falcone as papal delegate to the United States.

Republicans and Democrats in the assembly at Albany adopted a resolution of the minority order opposing a federal inheritance tax.

Mrs. Margaret Kennedy of New York whose son Philip was stabbed in a quarrel with his brother James, said she hoped the wounded man would die.

Organizers of the Workmen's political party, a new organization, said it will hold the balance of power in New York city election next November.

The Directors of the Interborough, Albany, by the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers subway bill, said that the country might see President Shonts has been summoned from the south.

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H. H. Aquilino, the British premier, denounced in the house of commons "the artificial agitation" regarding the navy as unscrupulous; he said there was no friction or competition between Germany and England.

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